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SUBJECT: INVITATION TO INTERIM INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE
ON PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SPORT WORKING GROUP ON DRAFT
CHARTER FOR PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SPORT

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1. THOUGH SYMPATHETIC TO RATIONAL ADVANCED IN REFTEL BY
USDEL IN MAKING RECOMMENDATION THAT INVITATION BE ISSUED TO
IICPES FOR WORKING GROUP ON SYMPOSIUM SCHEDULED FOR
NOVEMBER 14-16, WE SUGGEST THAT THOSE MEMBERS OF USDEL WHO
WILL BE MOST DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR FOLLOW THROUGH ON
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THIS RECOMMENDATION TAKE A SECOND LOOK AT HEAVY COMMITMENTS
ALREADY MADE BEFORE FURTHER COMPLICATING BUSY SCHEDULE. WE
ARE GENUINELY CONCERNED THAT THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE PRO-
POSED INVITATION BE FULLY REVIEWED IN THE CONTEXT OF:
(A) THE INVITATION PREVIOUSLY TO UNESCO TO HOLD A REGIONAL
MEETING OF EXPERTS IN WASHINGTON THIS OCTOBER, (B) THE
PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE NOVEMBER

INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON PE AND SPORTS THAT IS TO INTER-
FACE WITH A LARGE-SCALE NATIONAL MEETING.

2. WE QUESTION ADVISABILITY OF UTILIZING IICPES WORKING
GROUP TO INITIATE DRAFT CHARTER. IF PROPOSAL IS NOT IN
CONCRETE, USDEL SHOULD EXPLORE OTHER OPTIONS WITH SECRE-
TARIAT AND OTHER DELEGATIONS. WE FAVOR A MORE LOW-KEY
APPROACH WITH UNESCO HIRING A CONSULTANT(S) TO PREPARE A
FIRST DRAFT SUCH AS PROPOSED BY DR. RUEBEN FROST AND EN-
DORSED BY U.S. PLANNING GROUP LAST MAY. USDEL MUST KEEP
IN MIND UTMOST NECESSITY OF PRODUCING A SERIOUS, HIGH
QUALITY, NON-POLITICIZED DRAFT THAT WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO
U.S. AT IIC SECOND SESSION.

3. IF ALREADY DECIDED, USDEL SHOULD CONSULT WITH OTHER
WESTERN DELEGATIONS TO ASCERTAIN THEIR INTEREST IN HOSTING
SUCH A GROUP. WE CONCUR THAT U.S. SHOULD SEEK TO BE ON
SUCH A GROUP BUT THERE ARE ADVANTAGES TO ENCOURAGING SOME
OF OUR ALLIES (FRG OR UK) TO TAKE LEAD.

4. IF AFTER CONSIDERATION OF ABOVE, USDEL REMAINS CON-
VINCED THAT ITS RECOMMENDATION IS FEASIBLE AND IN U.S. IN-
TERESTS, DEPT. WOULD BE PREPARED TO CONCUR PROVIDING THAT
(A) MEETING OF WORKING GROUP CONSTITUTES AN OFFICIAL
UNESCO MEETING, (B) WORKING GROUP WOULD BE SMALL, INFORMAL
AND (C) NOT ENTAIL ADDITIONAL EXPENSES TO USG BEYOND THOSE
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ALREADY APPROVED FOR INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM.

5. AS FINAL STIPULATION, USDEL SHOULD CLARIFY AND ENSURE
BEFORE ISSUING ANY INVITATION THAT IT COULD NOT BE CON-
STRUED AS INCLUDING PLO REPRESENTATION IN ANY CAPACITY AT
MEETING. VANCE

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